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Mr. BYRD of West Virginia. As far as I am informed, S. 1004, the Arizona project bill, may—and I stress the word may—wind up the business for the week. I am not sure, but at this moment that is the only matter the leadership knows about.

Mr. JAVITS. I thank the Senator.

STOKELY CARMICHAEL SHOULD BE APPREHENDED UPON HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FROM CUBA

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, Stokely Carmichael, one of this country's chief black power advocates and leaders, is in Cuba calling for the overthrow of the American Government by force. He should and must be brought to the bar of justice the moment he returns to this country, if he returns at all.

Several months ago Life magazine published an article on Carmichael which pictured him not as a revolutionary and insurrectionist, but as a gentle man deeply concerned with the needs of the downtrodden. I wrote Life's editor a letter which was published by the magazine, and I have made statements here in the Senate to bring attention to Carmichael's Communist ties. This man and others who have infiltrated the civil rights movement are revolutionaries, pure and simple.

Mr. President, after the front-page article in today's Washington Post, it would seem impossible to me for anyone to doubt further that Carmichael is following the Communist line by advocating the destruction of every fabric of our Government. He is proposing steps which set race against race and urging guerrilla warfare in our cities, looking toward the overthrow of government by law.

I ask unanimous consent that this article, which is headlined "Carmichael Lauds Cuban Communism" and is written by John M. Goshko of the Washington Post foreign service, be printed at this point in my remarks.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

CARMICHAEL LAUDS CUBAN COMMUNISM

(By John M. Goshko)

HAVANA, August 1.—Stokely Carmichael, the American Negro militant most closely identified with the Black Power movement, today showered abuse on the United States and praised communism as it is practiced here in Fidel Castro's Cuba.

Carmichael avoided responding directly to questions as to whether he considers himself a Communist. Asked whether Black Power can be equated to communism, he answered:

"Communism can be many things—Russian, Czech, Yugoslavia, Cuban. The system we like best is the Cuban."

Of the U.S. Communist Party, he said: "There are no proletarians in the U.S. Communist Party. It is the party of the rich."

His comments at a marathon four-hour press conference were the principal side attraction at today's session of the Latin American Solidarity Organization meeting. In terms of delegate and press interest, they almost overshadowed the conference's working sessions themselves.

Carmichael is here as a guest of the Cuban government, and conference members yes-

terday elected him an honorary delegate by acclamation.

At Carmichael's insistence, all representatives of U.S. news media were barred from his press conference today. However, what he said was learned later from tape recordings and notes by Latin and European newsmen who attended the conference.

In his comments, the 25-year-old former head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee expressed his satisfaction at the wave of rioting and racial unrest sweeping U.S. cities. Among his random remarks were these:

"Forty per cent of the troops in Vietnam are Negro, and some good may come of it because when they come back they will be trained to kill in the streets."

"... Green Berets, now in Latin America protecting military governments, may have to go back to the U.S. to protect their mothers, fathers and families."

[He was quoted by Havana radio as saying American Negroes "will have enough arms of all kinds to continue the fight for their liberation," the Associated Press reported. A later broadcast quoted him, "We have to fight in the United States in order to change the structure of that capitalist society."]

"... guerrilla warfare is the best training for fighting in the cities because they (the whites) will not dare bomb their own cities."

The American Negro's battle, he said, must be fought on two fronts: "The fight against racism and the fight against capitalism. Racism is a result of capitalism."

[Carmichael envisaged the possible assassination of President Johnson and British Prime Minister Wilson as acts of vengeance for the murder of Negro leaders. Communist sources said, according to Reuters.

[Carmichael also included Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara as possible targets of assassins at his press conference.

[The Communist sources also said Carmichael, asked whether he himself might be assassinated, replied that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had an international license to kill.]

Carmichael said his three greatest heroes were assassinated black nationalist leader Malcolm X, guerrilla warfare expert Ernesto (Che) Guevara and Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung. He charged that Malcolm X was killed by CIA-paid Cuban refugees and said he believes Che Guevara's slogan, "You must teach them to hate so you can turn them into an effective fighting machine."

Other random Carmichael comments included these:

On reports that the State Department might lift his passport for traveling to Cuba without U.S. Government permission: "Since I was 15 years old I've not asked anyone's permission to go anywhere at any time for any reason. So I say to hell with the State Department."

On Negro intellectuals: "There are none as far as I am concerned because they only write about what they do not know and feel. What I consider an intellectual is someone like Fidel Castro. To him there is no art and there is no politics in it."

On integration: "There can be no integration until people are the same. Therefore integration does not exist in the United States."

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, the statements attributed to Carmichael in this article are surprising to me in that he has shown his hand publicly so early in the black power movement here in America. That he is an insurrectionist can be understood by anyone who can read the printed word. He lists top Communists as his idols, he talks about the likelihood of the assassination of the President and other national leaders, he

envisions the recall of American troops from abroad to protect their families here in this country and talks of the need of additional arms in the hands of Negroes to continue the battle for liberation. He is calling for continued guerrilla warfare in our cities and suggesting that Negro soldiers returning from Vietnam be enlisted in such warfare.

Mr. President, the American people must understand—before it is too late—that the leadership of the civil rights movement has passed into the hands of the black power advocates, and that this Nation this moment is experiencing an open rebellion. And let us not think for one moment that these black power leaders would not be in the White House, here in Congress, in control of our Government agencies, cities, and armies if they had the firepower to accomplish it.

An equally grave danger to this country lies more in the social and political changes that a rebellion of this type may engender. The riots which are ravaging our cities are being handled by the Government in such a way as to weaken the fabric of our Nation which our forefathers so arduously constructed. The effect to date of such outbursts has been to push this Nation more rapidly toward socialism, toward the day when all citizens are dependent upon the Government for everything—including their freedom which will then be lost.

It is almost a joke that Carmichael is known in America as the former chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Nonviolent in what respect, I ask? His successor, Hubert Gerald Brown, gave us a taste of his non-violence in Cambridge, Md., last week.

Mr. President, I call upon the Justice Department and the Chief Executive to lay political considerations aside and see that Carmichael is brought to justice if he dares return to this country; that, if he returns, he be charged with advocating the overthrow of the American Government by force and encouraging the assassination of the President and other national authorities. If this violence is not stopped, who is to say what member of our Government or Member of Congress will have a weapon fired at him at any time? I further call upon the Justice Department to go into the ruins of our cities and arrest all others who are making it known to the public that they advocate similar policies. It is way past time for the Justice Department to enforce the laws passed by the Congress.

There is absolutely no question that men advocating such policies as those subscribed to Carmichael are a clear and present danger to the security and well-being of this Nation. While it is my opinion that sufficient laws are already on the books to deal with such insurgents, I would state here and now that if the President and Justice Department feel such is not the case, they should forthwith recommend to the Congress such laws as they deem necessary.

Mr. President, I assure you that unless firm leadership is exerted immediately to save this country, we will shortly reach the point of anarchy, if we are not already there.

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